

## The Impact of the Coronavirus on Latin America and the Caribbean

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Dr. Nelson Arboleda is the Director of the Office of the Americas within the Secretary's Office at the Department of Health and Human Services. In this role he serves as the Secretary's senior point of contact for interaction with the Americas region, which includes North, Central, South America and the Caribbean.

In his previous role, as the Country Director at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Dominican Republic (CDC-DR), he led the overall efforts of CDC's programs as they relate to PEPFAR, vector-borne diseases, pandemic and seasonal influenza, emerging infectious diseases (Zika, Chikungunya), outbreak investigations, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, emergency preparedness and response, laboratory systems and migrant health. Prior to this position, he was the CDC Regional Director in Central America (based in Guatemala City from 2009-2015) where he led an integrated approach to unify the US government's investments in global health and established the five-year partnership framework within the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This strategy was jointly implemented with the Ministers of Health and the Commission of Ministries of Health of Central America (COMISCA).

Dr. Arboleda received his training in Public Health at the University of Miami and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and joined the CDC in 2004 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer with the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program within the National Center for Infectious Diseases. He has worked with the National Center for Preparedness, detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (CDC) leading the Vaccine Safety Office's efforts on Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response; as well as steering the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) in conjunction with the FDA. His global health assignments include a secondment to WHO with the polio eradication initiative in Madhya Pradesh, India; the consolidation of the national health surveillance system in Honduras; as a program development delegate in Venezuela and Colombia, and injury and violence prevention efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was also selected as the Commander of the Zika Unified Command Group (UCG) in Puerto Rico under the National Security Council (NSC).



**Dr. Jarbas Barbosa**

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Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr., a national of Brazil, obtained his medical degree from the Federal University of Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil, specialized in public health and epidemiology at the National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation-FIOCRUZ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and holds a master's degree in Medical Sciences and a PhD in Public Health from the University of Campinas-UNICAMP in São Paulo, Brazil. He held several technical and managerial positions in the National Health System of Brazil (Sistema Único de Saúde - SUS). In the early-1990s Dr. Barbosa was appointed as the Municipal Health Secretary in Olinda, and subsequently as the State Health Secretary in Pernambuco.

From 1997 to 2003, he served as the Director of the National Center for Epidemiology (CENEPI) in Brasília, Brazil within the Ministry of Health. In 2003 Dr. Barbosa was appointed as the Secretary (Vice Minister) for Health Surveillance. In the second semester of 2006 he was appointed Deputy Minister (Secretário Executivo).

Dr. Barbosa joined PAHO for the first time in 2007 as the Area Manager, Health Surveillance and Disease Management. He served in this capacity until his return to Brazil in April 2010. In 2011, Dr. Barbosa was appointed for the second time as the Secretary (Vice Minister) for Health Surveillance and in 2015, as the Secretary (Vice Minister) of Science, Technology and Strategic Supplies for the Ministry of Health in Brazil.

He has participated as a member of the Brazilian delegation in both PAHO and WHO Governing Bodies meetings, was President of PAHO's Executive Committee (09/2013 to 09/2014), and Vice-Chair of WHO's Executive Board (05/2014 to 05/2016). Dr. Barbosa was also a member of several international committees and working groups, such as the United Nations Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance-United Nations (IACG UN) and the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Advisory Group (PIP Framework AD) where he served as a member and as chair in 2016.

Prior to his appointment as the Assistant Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr. Barbosa served as the Director-President of the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA).



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Inés Bustillo is the Director of the Washington Office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She previously served as Economic Affairs Officer working on international trade and finance and economic development. Before joining ECLAC, she was Professor of Economics at Universidad Anáhuac in Mexico City and Visiting Faculty at The American University in Washington D.C. Other positions held include consultant to the World Bank, the Center for Latin American and Monetary Studies (CEMLA), and Operadora de Bolsa in Mexico City.

She is the author of several articles and a frequent lecturer at universities, think tanks and other venues. Ms. Bustillo, a national of Uruguay, earned an M.A. and Ph.D degrees in economics from The American University



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Prior to her work at the World Bank, she worked as a Health Economist at the Pan American Health Organization, coordinated the network of Health and Economics of the Region of the Americas and Health projects for UNICEF. She was also a health researcher with the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the Central University of Ecuador and a health officer in the Ministry of Health of Ecuador. Amparo Gordillo-Tobar is a Doctor in Medicine from the Central University of Ecuador and has a PhD and Master's degree from Tulane University in New Orleans.